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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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E O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, ASEAN, RP  
SUBJ: U.S. MILITARY BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 0900

1. THREE GENTLEMEN FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL CAME TO  
SEEME MARCH 9 TO DISCUSS REFTEL, THE COMPLETE TEXT OF  
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WHICH WAS IN THEIR POSSESSION. THEY INTENDED TO DO A MAJOR  
IN-DEPTH PIECE ON THE SUBJECT FOR RELEASE IN BOTH THEIR  
ASIAN EDITION AND THE DOMESTIC U.S. EDITIONS.

2. ON BACKGROUND BASIS, I GAVE THEM ALL THE STERLING  
ARGUMENTS WHICH REFUTE THE UNDERHILL THESIS AND WHICH LEAD  
TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN

BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES. I MADE CLEAR THAT THIS SORT OF INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE AND DEVIL'S ADVOCACY IS A TRADITIONAL AND HEALTHY PASTIME IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AND THAT THE ONLY NEW FEATURE WHICH WILL REQUIRE SOME GETTING USED TO IS THE PROSPECT THAT WE MUST NOW SHARE OUR CABLED THOUGHTS WITH THE READERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN PRESS.

3. ALTHOUGH THE CORRESPONDENTS (KANN, PEARLSTINE AND CARLSON) INTEND TO SEE SEVERAL FILIPINO OFFICIALS DURING THEIR STAY HERE, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY INTEND TO RAISE BASES ISSUE WITH THEM.

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